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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A plasmid which is able to be isolated ~~isolable~~ from *Corynebacterium thermoaminogenes*, and which comprises a gene coding for a Rep protein having the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: ~~[[2]]~~ 4 or an amino acid sequence having homology of 90% or more to the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: ~~[[2]]~~ 4, and has a size of about 4.4 kb or about 6 kb, or a derivative thereof.